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SUBJECT: STA DIRECTOR-GENERAL MAEDA LOST DIET SEAT

1. MASAO MAEDA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, WAS AMONG THREE INCUMBENT CABINET MINISTERS WHO LOST IN DEC. 5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION. MAEDA, WHO BELONGS TO LDP FACTION LED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER KAKUEI TANAKA, GARNERED 69,186 VOTES IN HIS ELECTORAL DISTRICT, NARA PREFECTURE, BUT WAS RUNNER-UP.

2. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE, CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY IDE SAID ON EVENING OF DEC. 6 THAT MAEDA HAD CONVEYED TO HIM HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN HIS CABINET POST. IDE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT MAEDA'S CASE WOULD BE STUDIED JOINTLY WITH CASES OF TWO OTHER UNSUCCESSFUL CABINET MEMBERS, AGRICULTURE-FORESTRY MINISTER BUICHI OISHI AND HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER KIMIYOSHI AMANO.

3. IF AND WHEN MAEDA LEAVES CABINET AND HIS SUCCESSOR IS NAMED, EMBASSY WILL SEND SEPTTEL.
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